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1. IN DIRECT CONVERSATION MAY 6 WITH PRO NUNCIO ANGELONI HE EXPANDED ON GUARDED REMARKS IN EARLIER BRIEF PHONE CONVERSATION. SAID PRESIDENT KAUNDA HAD ASKED VATICAN TO PLAY INTERMEDIARY ROLE IN: A) ENCOURAGING SPINOLA JUNTA TO MEET SOON WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, AND

B) ARRANGING FOR CHONA TOIVEET WITH SPINOLA OR HIS REPRESENTATIVE IN LISDMN, VATICANHLR LONDON AS EXTENSION HIS TEY 16 VISIT TO ROME. FOR LATTER CHONA HAS SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED APPOINTMENT WITH MONSIGNOR CASAROLI OF VATICAN SECRETARIAT OF STATE.

2. PRO NUNCIO'S REVIEW OF SEPARATE CONVERSATIONS HE
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HAD MAY 3 AND 4 WITH PRESIDENT KAUNDA AND CHONA

INDICATES ZAMBIAN PRESENTATION ALMOST IDENTICAL TO CHONA'S CONVERSATION WITH ME. VATICAN ALSO ASKED TO PRESS ZAMBIAN 10-POINT FRAMEWORK FOR NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT ON SPINOLA JUNTA. IN FACT, PRO NUNCIO DESCRIBED IT AS EXTENSION OF ZAMBIAN DEMARCHE TO VATICAN BEGUN LAST SEPTEMBER. IN ADDITION, ASSISTANCE IN PREVENTING SOUTH AFRICAN INTERVENTION ALSO SOUGHT, NOTWITHSTANDING PRO NUNCIO'S OBJECTIONS BECAUSE OF NON-RELATIONS WITH SAG. CHONA STILL THOUGHT VATICAN COULD FIND WAYS EXERCISE RESTRAINING INFLUENCE ON SOUTH AFRICA.

3. PRO NUNCIO SAID CHONA STRESSED NEED TO AVOID REFERENDUM IN TERRITORIES. WE BOTH INTERPRETED THIS TO REFLECT FEAR OF PSYCHOLOGICAL DEFEAT IN VIEW OF SPINOLA'S REMARKS ABOUT POPULAR FEELINGS IN GUINEA BISSAU WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN IN FAVOR OF METROPOLE HAD REFERENDUM BEEN TAKEN THERE WHEN HE WAS IN COMMAND.

4. ANGELONI SAID DUTH AMBASSADOR ALSO SUMMONED MAY 3 BY PRESIDENT KAUNDA. HE ASSUMES REQUEST MADE FOR DUTCH ASSISTANCE IN RALLYING EUROPEANS TO PLEAD WITH PORTUGUESE IN VIEW OF RECENT BUT UNSUCCESSFUL DUTCH EFFORT TO LINE UP EUROPEANS FOR DEMARCHE TO CAETANO GOVERNMENT ON ACTION TOWARD SELF-DETERMINATION. DUTCH CHARGE SAID CALL ON PRESIDENT MADE JUST AS AMBASSADOR DEPARTED ZAMBIA AND HE UNINFORMED ON SUBJECT MATTER. APPEARS BRITISH COLLEAGUE MAY NOT RPT NOT HAVE BEEN APPROACHED OR ELSE RETICENT TO DISCUSS SUBJECT AND THAT CHONA MAY WANT TO RAISE MATTER DIRECTLY THROUGH HIS OWN POLITICAL CONNNECTIONS DURING PLANNED VISIT TO LONDON.
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